

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
John Roger SAMPSON) Art Unit: 1731
Application No. : 09/582,232) Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez
Filed : July 24, 2000)
For : SMOKING ARTICLES)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action of February 26, 2003 in the above-identified U.S. patent application, please amend the application, as filed, and as previously amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 31 as presented in the Second Preliminary Amendment, as follows:

31. (Amended) A smoking article comprising:

a tobacco rod, said rod comprising a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet, said reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles; and